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PARIS FOR NESCO

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF (A), US PARTICIPANTS WOULD WEL-
COME DISCUSSION ON TOPICS WHICH ADMIRAL RASSOKHO SUG-
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GESTED BE ADDED TO AGENDA FOR SUBJECT CONSULTATIONS.

WITH REGARD TO SCHEDULING, IT WOULD SEEM FROM REF (C) THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE INITIATED ON MORNING OF 27TH, SINCE FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF JOINT COMMITTEE NOW SCHEDULED FOR THAT AFTERNOON.

IF CONSULTATIONS CANNOT BE COMPLETED ON MORNING OF 27TH, IT IS POSSIBLE THEY COULD BE CONTINUED LATER DURING WEEK. HOWEVER, SCHEDULING OF SECOND SESSION ON IOC MATTERS SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH ACTIVITIES OF JOINT COMMITTEE. THUS ANY DECISION ON THIS MATTER

WILL HAVE TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF MEETINGS ON 27TH.

2. AS FOLLOW-ON TO CLINGAN-RASSOKHO LETTER CONTAINED REF (C), IT IS REQUESTED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MR. DAVID WALLACE BE PASSED TO ADMIRAL RASSOKHO:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR ADMIRAL RASSOKHO:

I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION LATER THIS MONTH FOR THE MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN WORLD OCEAN STUDIES. HOWEVER, I UNDERSTAND FROM PROF. THOMAS CLINGAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND FISHERIES AFFAIRS, THAT HE AND OTHER U.S. SCIENTISTS WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU AND SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS A FEW KEY PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION. I HOPE THAT THIS WILL INITIATE A SERIES OF FREQUENT FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMISSION.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE IOC IS, HOWEVER, DEPENDENT ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE STRENGTH OF THE SECRETARIAT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARIAT IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO MEET THE INCREASING NEEDS OF THE COMMISSION. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEPUTY IGOSS POSITION AND THE COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS POSITION. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY THAT THE DEPUTY FOR IGOSS WILL BE LEAVING IN A FEW MONTHS AND

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THAT HE WILL BE REPLACED BY A MORE CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL.

HOWEVER, WE REMAIN EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECRETARIAT'S CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. PAST COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMS. WE BELIEVE THAT, ALTHOUGH THE IOC SHOULD CONCENTRATE MORE ON PROCESS ORIENTED AND LONG-TERM REGIONAL PROGRAMS, COOPERATIVE

INVESTIGATIONS, PERHAPS WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS, CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE A USEFUL ROLE. HOWEVER, THE IOC SECRETARIAT MUST BE ESPECIALLY STRONG IN THIS AREA.

THIS IS NOT THE CASE AT THE MOMENT. AS A RESULT OF THE SECRETARIAT'S LIMITATIONS, EXISTING IOC COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS HAVE SUFFERED. YOU WILL RECALL I PERSONALLY DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH YOU. IN FACT, IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT DR. MAMYEV WAS TO HAVE RETURNED TO THE SOVIET UNION A YEAR OR TWO AGO. I AM NOW INFORMED THAT DR.MAMAYEV HAS ASKED TO HAVE HIS CONTRACT RENEWED

FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

IN OUR VIEW, IT IS ESSENTIAL, IN LINE WITH OUR PAST AGREEMENT, THAT DR. MAMAYEV BE REPLACED. IF YOU CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT HIS POSITION BE FILLED BY A SOVIET SCIENTIST, WE WOULD SUPPORT THIS, ALTHOUGH THE FINAL SELECTION MUST OF COURSE BE MADE BY UNESCO.

IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US EXACTLY WHAT ROLE COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD PLAY IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT SUPPORT IOC ADOPTION OF ANY FUTURE COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS UNTIL THE IOC SECRETARIAT IMPROVES ITS CAPABILITIES IN THIS AREA.

I URGE, THEREFORE, THAT YOU GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN THE HOPE THAT, DURING THE CONSULTATIONS ON IOC LATER THIS MONTH, YOU AND OUR REPRESENTATIVES CAN REACH A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

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WITH BEST REGARDS,

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